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For: DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL SYSTEM WITH ACCESS CONTROL

Amendment

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed  
November 16, 1998, please amend the above-identified  
patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 13 as follows:

Sub B1  
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1. (Amended) A document retrieval system with access  
control for a search engine capable of searching  
documents distributed over web servers in an electronic  
network comprising,

one or more web servers having electronic  
versions of documents available by request,

a search engine having access to access control  
lists for documents on the web servers, the access  
control list linking authorized users with all documents  
found in a search are screened by the web servers with  
the list to determine the documents for which a user  
performing a search has access.